

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

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Third, with the present invention where the relationship is separate and apart from the underlying data, single parent and multiple parent hierarchies can also be defined. Figure 1 shows a structural relationship of a single parent hierarchy. A multiple parent hierarchy would be, for example, with the structural relationship of Figure 1 inverted in which objects E, F, G, and H are the parents and the children are B, C, D, and A. Database object B would have multiple parents reporting to both database object E and database object F. Establishing such a relationship in the database structural relationship of the present invention is simply a matter of defining the appropriate database object under the column of parent and the appropriate database object under the column of child. Such a structure would support both tree and graph type structures.